

REMARKS:

Claims 1, 3-13, 15, 17-21, and 23-29 were pending in the application. Withdrawn claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 7, 13, 15, 17-21, and 25-29 have been withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, and 23-24 are now pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner entered the following restriction requirement:

- I. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-12, 23, and 24, drawn to a routing device and method of using a routing device that receives a signal, separate from data, indicating the QOS for the data to be transferred, classified in class 709, subclass 233.
- II. Claims 7, 13, 15, 17-21, 25, and 26, drawn to a method, article of manufacture, and system for receiving packets of data containing QOS information, classified in class 709, subclass 236.
- III. Claims 27-29, drawn to a method for routing data between two different networks with different QOS requirements, classified in class 709, subclass 249.

Applicant elects group I **without traverse**. Applicant has withdrawn the claims identified by the Examiner as belonging to groups II and III.

CONCLUSION:

Applicant respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/6057-53100/DMM.

Respectfully submitted,

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